



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025 • 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

The Schübler Chorales Johann Sebastian Bach
If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee
My Soul Magnifies the Lord
O Stay with Us, Lord Jesus Christ

Introit

“O Worship the Lord” George Thalben-Ball

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.[†] Amen.

*Call to Worship

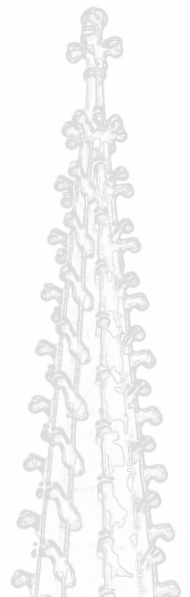
One: *The journey of faith began with these words: come and follow me.*

All: They dropped their nets.

They dropped their plans for the day.

They left their lives behind.

One: *The journey of faith continues with these words: come and follow me.*



**Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”*

***Hymn 42 “Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure”**

Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure in all your words, your gracious deeds;
you gently lift all burdened souls and well provide for all our needs.

The eyes of all are fixed on you; by you their wants are all supplied;
your open hand is bountiful and every soul is satisfied.

Lord, you are just in all your ways, and kind in everything you do;
forever near you stand to hear and help all those who call on you.

My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord; my soul shall bless your holy name;
let all things living join the song of praise, from age to age the same.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Living God,
you are the source of all life and the reason for all hope.

We lift our voices in prayer because
the world is a mess,
and sometimes we are a mess.

Be merciful, we pray, and remind us of
your love that calls us by name.

May it be your love that shapes our lives. Amen.

Extinguishing the Second Lenten Candle

Kyrie Hymn 577

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of Pardon

One: *Friends, believe the good news.*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

People: And also with you.

*We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ,”
and encourage those online to text or email someone to let them know you are thinking of them.*

Welcome and Announcements

*Please take a moment to let us know you are with us today! There are information pads in the pews
for those in the Sanctuary and a digital form (use the link or QR code on screen) for those online.*

Anthem

“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days” Zebulon M. Highben

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Genesis 12:1–4a

One: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:[†]
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Second Lesson. Mark 1:14–20

One: *The grass withers, and the flower fades,*
All: but the word of our God shall stand forever.

Sermon

Where It All Begins Tom Are Jr.

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 721** “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me. By your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor. (*Refrain*)

You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving. (*Refrain*)

You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me: (*Refrain*)

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from A Declaration of Faith (1977)

God sends us to exercise compassion.
In concern for justice in the social order
 God has never forgotten the needs of individuals.
In the end the Lord will judge all persons
 by the simple, unremembered acts of kindness they did or failed to do
 for the least of their sisters and brothers.
We acknowledge God is at work here and now
 when people show personal concern for each other
 and work to make helping agencies, including the church itself, more compassionate.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“I Will Arise” Kenneth Dake

***Offertory Response** Hymn 224, v. 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
 love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Calling God,
you call us to come and follow,
to go the second mile,
to take up our own cross,
to love one another without end.
May this act of generosity be one way that we say yes.
Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”**

Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.

Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

“Benediction” Craig Phillips

Postlude

Toccata in C Major. Johann Pachelbel



You belong here!

This may be your first time in worship at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or perhaps you worship here so often you call Fourth Church “home”; in either case, **we are grateful for your presence** today. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone—without exception—into the life of this congregation. No matter where you may be in your faith journey, no matter what questions or burdens you may bring to this place, we take seriously that God loves everyone, so you belong here.

Every Sunday we read the old biblical stories and sing hymns (some of which our grandparents sang), while also engaging the world we live in this minute through liturgy, prayers, and sermons. **By connecting the story of our lives to the story of Christ’s life, we discover hope and even joy**, and are inspired to reflect the light of Christ to the city **as we live out our calling to love God and love one another.**

If you are new to us, stick around after worship. Join us for Coffee Hour, or speak to one of our pastors. We have many programs to expand your spirit and enrich your life. We would love to tell you more. **Give us a try; soon you too might be calling Fourth Church “home.”**

Worshipping in Person at Fourth Church

Each Sunday our worshipping body is a wonderful mix of those online, on the phone, and in the pews. If you like to worship with us in person, we gather weekly at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Entering the building

A half hour prior to each service the doors open for worship. There is an entrance without steps leading to the Sanctuary on Michigan Avenue, through the glass Loggia doors (*between the courtyard and the main Sanctuary doors*). There are also two fully accessible entrances: at 126 E. Chestnut—where the reception desk is located—and at 115 E. Delaware.

Sound

- Worship can be heard through “T” or “T-coil” settings of hearing aids.
- Please silence electronic devices during worship.

Parking

Sunday parking is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$10 for 6 hours (*and \$20 for up to 12 hours*) and at the Hancock garage (875 N. Michigan, *enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) for \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from ushers.

Worshipping Online

We livestream the 9:30 a.m. service each Sunday on our YouTube channel: bit.ly/fpcvideos

Accessing the service

Worship can be viewed anytime after the service begins. For tips on how to watch—from the beginning—a service that is already in progress, see fourthchurch.org/watch-from-the-beginning

Online extras

Links to make an online offering gift, view or print the worship bulletin, and more can be found in the descriptive text below the worship video (*after exiting full screen*) as well as on our website.

For those without Internet

Those without Internet access are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at 9:30 a.m.

Survey: Connecting Online

To help us enhance not only our online worship offerings but also other resources and programs, we would appreciate your taking a moment to complete the Online Church Family Survey. Your input is valuable to us whether you connect with Fourth Church online only rarely or all the time.

You can find the survey link on our website home page at fourthchurch.org) or by scanning this QR code.



Thank you for helping us shape our various online opportunities and ways of building community and connections!

You can learn more about these online opportunities, from

livestream worship to Zoom Bible studies and Morning Prayer to ways to engage with in-person classes that have a Zoom component, at fourthchurch.org/online/connections

Let Us Know You're Here

We are grateful to be worshipping with you today and would welcome knowing you are here. Please take a moment to fill out an information form.

In person

Those worshipping with us in person are asked to add their names to the pads in the pews, passing the pads to the center of the row and then back again so worshippers have opportunity to greet one another by name following worship.

Online

Those worshipping via livestream will find a link to the online form in the text below the video (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form.

Organ Tour

Following the 11:00 service this morning, a tour of our Andrew Pipe Organ, built by Quimby Organ Company, will begin at the front of the Sanctuary.

See an usher for details about this opportunity to learn more about this largest pipe organ in the Midwest, with its 8,343 pipes and 5 manuals (keyboards): fourthchurch.org/music/organ

Restoring the 1914 Murals

Scaffolding has been installed in the Sanctuary to facilitate the restoration work in progress on the 1914 Frederic Clay Bartlett ceiling murals. You can view a series of Bartlett's panels mounted on the wall in the north part of the Commons.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is meeting weekly to continue to narrow a field of excellent candidates. In this season of discernment please hold the PNC and candidates in prayer.



Faith Formation

Join us on our journey to grow spiritually through worship, educational opportunities, and programs that nurture faith across all ages

Children, Youth, and Family

Children in worship

Children are always welcome in worship! If you need to step out to comfort your child, the Hospitality Suite, on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed.

Also during morning worship, nursery care is available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center for infants through two-year-olds.

Sunday school

Sunday school for three-year-olds through fifth graders takes place at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

This Friday, March 21 there will be additional opportunity for children to gather, this time with their parents, as we host our monthly Family Night at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Along with dinner and fellowship, there will be a magic show!

Youth gatherings

Youth groups meet weekly, with Junior Highs gathering at 9:30 a.m. and Senior Highs meeting at 11:00 a.m., both in the Bumpus Room.

Meditation

Walking the labyrinth

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is open for a time of meditative walking on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Sacred Pause

Sacred Pause meditation is offered on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

Adult Education

“Comparing the Gospels”

Our three-week adult education class, “Comparing the Gospels,” continues this morning at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Join Associate Pastor Matt Helms as he leads us in an exploration of each of the four Gospels, looking at the unique lenses each writer brings to the life and teachings of Jesus. In doing so we expand our understanding of Jesus’ ministry. For the Zoom link, register online at bit.ly/gospels32025

“Classics of Lenten Music”

On Sunday morning, March 30, Oliver Comacho, Musical Director of Classical WFMT, will speak about masterpieces of Lenten music in our adult education class at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and via Zoom. Register at bit.ly/lentenmusic

Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study—which focuses on scripture readings from the pulpit, with passages drawn from either the immediate past week’s worship service or the upcoming Sunday—meets weekly via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Women’s Bible Study

Women’s Bible Study—which includes time each month discussing the Horizons study “Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation”—meets via Zoom at 12:00 and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26. For details, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org).

Reading Sermons

To read the text of the previous Sunday morning sermon (or past sermons in our archives), see fourthchurch.org/sermons or subscribe at bit.ly/fpcsermon to receive the sermon by email.

Prayer

Sunday Morning Prayer with Deacons

If you would like to offer individual prayers of praise or concern with a Deacon, you are invited to do so in Stone Chapel (through the door to the right of the pulpit) following worship.

Wednesday Morning Prayer

On Wednesdays we gather for Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org) for details.

Prayer requests

If you would like to submit a prayer request to our Deacon and Morning Prayer Ministries, please email Gloria Fleming (gffleming@fourthchurch.org).

Upcoming Opportunities



Looking to explore upcoming opportunities and events at Fourth Church? Visit our Events page—fourthchurch.org/events—and bookmark it for future reference!

Lenten Resources

We invite you to use our daily Lenten devotions—written by Fourth Church members and staff—for your personal reflection.

To receive them by email, subscribe at bit.ly/fpcdevotions; you can also find them online at fourthchurch.org/devotions as well as on Facebook and Instagram.

Lenten “Rhythm and Word” videos and podcast

During Lent our weekly five-minute video and podcast reflections explore the book of Psalms and are offered by Nancy Benson-Nicol and Joe Morrow.

Sign up at bit.ly/rhythmword to have the videos sent to your inbox on Wednesdays or subscribe to our YouTube channel (bit.ly/fpcvideos). You can also listen to these reflections via podcast (fourthchurch.org/podcasts).

Podcasts

Podcasts from Fourth Church

Our “Rhythm and Word” reflections (*see above*) are available on multiple podcast platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts. During the week the Sunday worship service and sermon are available via podcast on those platforms as well.

Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger also invite you to tune in to their “Bible Top Ten” podcast, a lively and informative exploration of the Bible through a rotating series of top ten lists.

News, Updates, and Snapshots

Look for information, updates, and snapshots of life at Fourth Church in our weekly email newsletter. Subscribe at bit.ly/newsfromfpc and visit our news archive at fourthchurch.org/news



Community Engagements and Partnerships

Come alongside us as together, through programs and collaboration with partners, we advocate for social and community needs

One Great Hour of Sharing

Throughout Lent we are receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS). Gifts to this offering support Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs. To make an OGHS gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks. You can also designate "One Great Hour of Sharing" on the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church or when giving online at fourthchurch.org/give

Blood Drive This Saturday

Our Center for Life and Learning is cosponsoring a blood drive this Saturday, March 22 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Walk-ins are welcome; advance appointments are appreciated at bit.ly/springblood32025

Benevolent Guild

Benevolent Guild meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create items for those in need. Sewing experience is not necessary.

Joining the Fourth Church Family

If you are interested in becoming a member of Fourth Church, please join us for a one-session Inquirers' Class on Sunday, April 6 at 12:15 p.m. in Room 5F (register at bit.ly/inquirers42025) or via Zoom on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. (register at bit.ly/inquirers52025). For additional information, contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

Lenten Commitment to Justice Seeking

As we prepare to celebrate Easter with its promise of new life, the forty days of Lent offer a time to take on practices that draw us closer to God and God's vision for our world. Part of that vision includes doing justice for and with our neighbors.

Stop by Coffee Hour today to learn about upcoming opportunities to take part in justice seeking and join in signing a commitment to do so.

Community Partner Impact

Today: Deborah's Place in Coffee Hour

During the 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour today, Deborah's Place representatives will be on hand to talk about how this organization, with whom Fourth Church partners, opens doors of opportunity for women who are homeless in Chicago.

Zoom gathering with our partners

As part of our observance of Women's History Month, World Mission and Social Justice partner organizations Deborah's Place, Sista Afya, and Sarah's Circle will join us via Zoom on Thursday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. to talk about how their organizations support women. Register for impact presentation at bit.ly/wmsj32025

Micah 6:8 Circle

Micah 6:8 calls us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God as a gathered church community and in our everyday lives. Grounded in that calling, we are forming a small group to support each other in everyday acts of justice seeking and doing good in the world. For details, email Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).



Connections and Belonging

Come connect with others as we foster a welcoming and inclusive community where everyone feels supported in building meaningful relationships

Online Coffee Hour

If you are worshipping with us online today, we would be delighted if you would join us for opportunity to connect with one another in our Online Coffee Hour. We will be gathering via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. today (and each Sunday throughout Lent), immediately following the stream of the 9:30 service, for a time of online fellowship.

Zoom link: bit.ly/coffeehourzoom

In-Person Coffee Hour

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to stop by Anderson Hall after the service for Coffee Hour, an opportunity to greet each other and learn about ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church.

Final Wishes Workshop

Our Caring Ministries Council invites you to stop by the Manse today between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to complete “My Final Wishes for Being Cared for and Remembered.” Documenting your arrangements and funeral plans can support those who will carry out your intentions at the time of your death. For more information, contact Amy Pagliarella (apagliarella@fourthchurch.org).

Stephen Ministry

For a one-to-one listening presence through life challenges, we encourage you to consider being paired with a Stephen Minister. To request support from a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Easter Flowers

You are invited to remember or honor a loved one with a contribution toward Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those remembered and honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

Contributions can be made at bit.ly/fpcgift and must be received by Sunday, April 6 for names to be listed in the bulletin. For details, contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org).

Get Connected

TwentiesThirties

The TwentiesThirties fellowship group for young adults will meet for brunch on Sunday, March 23 at 12:15 p.m. at Aster Hall (900 N. Michigan) for fellowship and opportunity to meet the new Youth and Young Adult Director.

Cornerstones

A fellowship gathering of those fifty and over, Cornerstones will gather in Anderson Hall on Friday, April 4 for dinner and the program “When Welcoming the Stranger Is Uncomfortable,” by Beth Brown, Pastor of Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church. Register (required) at bit.ly/cornerstones202504

Pastoral Care

If you would like to talk to a pastor or notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, or deaths, email Gloria (gflaming@fourthchurch.org). If the situation requires immediate attention, call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

Calendar for March 16–22, 2025

Sunday March 16	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	Room 4G
	9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary / Online
	9:30 a.m.	Infants/Parents Comfort Room	Hospitality Suite
	9:30 a.m.	Nursery	Room 4A
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Fourth Floor
	9:30 a.m.	Junior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	10:30 a.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Online Coffee Hour	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Youth Choir	Room 4G
	11:00 a.m.	Comparing the Gospels	Borwell Dining Room
	11:00 a.m.	My Final Wishes Workshop	Manse
	11:00 a.m.	Senior High Gathering	Bumpus Room
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	A Time of Prayer	Stone Chapel
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Organ Tour	Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting	Room 5A
	12:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Buchanan Chapel Loft
	12:15 p.m.	New Officer Training	Room 4G
	12:15 p.m.	World Mission Social Justice Council	Room 5E
	12:15 p.m.	Worship, Music, and Arts Council	Room 5F
	4:00 p.m.	Sunday Night Supper (until 5:30)	Anderson Hall

Monday March 17	12:00 a.m.	Cuba Partnership Trip 2025	Offsite
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Advanced French	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom
	10:45 a.m.	CLL: Intermediate French	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Taps	Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Beginner French	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Art History	Zoom
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Yoga	Room 4G / Zoom
	3:00 p.m.	CLL: Meet a Chicago Artist	Room 4E / Zoom
	5:30 p.m.	Stewardship and Giving Council	Zoom

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Tuesday March 18	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Zoom
	7:45 a.m.	Sacred Pause	Online
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:00 a.m.	Heartland Alliance Medical Clinic	Randolph Room
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Stronger Seniors	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Stage and Screen	Room 5G
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Watercolor Prep.	Room 4K
	11:30 a.m.	CLL: Basic Spanish	Zoom
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Foreign Perspectives	Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	CLL: Watercolor and Art Concepts	Room 4F / Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00).	Buchanan Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Shower Ministry.	Showers
	1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
	1:30 p.m.	SSC: Mindfulness, Meditation, and More	Room 4E
	2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall / Zoom
	5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	Fifth Floor
	5:30 p.m.	Spiritual Formation Council.	Room 4G
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
	6:00 p.m.	Path of Discipleship.	Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	Discover Fourth Council.	Zoom

Wednesday March 19	7:30 a.m.	Joint Finance Council	Zoom
	7:30 a.m.	Men's Faith Study	Offsite
	9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
	9:30 a.m.	Day School Twos Program	Classroom A
	9:30 a.m.	Benevolent Guild	Room 5B
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	CLL: Tap	Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Men's "Great Ideas" Discussion	Room 5A
	10:30 a.m.	CLL: Zing	Zoom
	11:00 a.m.	CLL: Midweek Meditation	Room 4D
	11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
	12:00 p.m.	CLL: Current Events	Room 4G
	1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00).	Buchanan Chapel

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1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room	Borwell Dining Room
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Attorney General Presentation	Room 5F
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Destination: 1965	Room 5G / Zoom
3:00 p.m.	CLL: Drawing	Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Tutoring	Fifth Floor
5:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons	Bumpus Room
6:00 p.m.	AA: LGBTQIA+	Room 4F

Thursday March 20

9:00 a.m.	Meals Ministry Sandwich-Making	Borwell Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
9:30 a.m.	Day School Together We Play	Classroom A
9:30 a.m.	CLL: Silver Barre	Zoom
9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Golden Grooves.	Zoom
11:30 a.m.	CLL: Matters of Health.	Room 4E / Zoom
11:30 a.m.	Meals Ministry Bag Lunch.	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	AA Meeting	Room 4F
1:00 p.m.	CLL: Music History.	Zoom
1:00 p.m.	Labyrinth Available to Walk (until 3:00).	Buchanan Chapel
1:00 p.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
1:30 p.m.	CLL: Art Days	Room 4E
2:30 p.m.	CLL: Intermediate Tai Chi	Anderson Hall / Zoom
3:30 p.m.	Meals Ministry Steering Committee	Zoom
5:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees	Room 4G
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal.	Buchanan Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Anti-Violence Group Meeting.	Zoom

Friday March 21

9:00 a.m.	Day School Preschool.	Classroom B
9:30 a.m.	SSC: Drop-In Program	Morse Lounge
10:30 a.m.	CLL: Nia	Zoom
11:00 a.m.	CLL: Advisory Committee.	CLL Office
11:30 a.m.	SSC: Living Room.	Borwell Dining Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert	Sanctuary / Online
2:00 p.m.	Daniel Winship Memorial Service	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Session	Room 4G
5:30 p.m.	March Family Night	Borwell Dining Room
7:30 p.m.	4th/5th Grade Sleepover	Bumpus Room

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Saturday 8:30 a.m. Sacred Pause Online
March 22 10:00 a.m. Spring Blood Drive Borwell Dining Room
(There are no other events scheduled for Saturday)

Preaching on Sunday, March 23: Tom Are Jr.

Join Us for the Journey to Easter

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 13
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship with palm processional
(the 9:30 service will also be livestreamed)

Maundy Thursday, April 17
6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service
(also livestreamed)

Good Friday, April 18
12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service
5:30 p.m. Children’s Program in Buchanan Chapel
6:30 p.m. Choral Service *(also livestreamed)*

Easter Sunday, April 20
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach
9:30 a.m. Children’s Program in the Gratz Center
9:30 a.m. Easter Service *(also livestreamed)*
11:30 a.m. Easter Service

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Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer, Kevin Williams (9:30), Funmi Oseni (11:00), Nancy Benson-Nicol, Tom Are Jr.

The Music Today

Morning Choir

Doug Cleveland, Interim Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

WE ARE EXTINGUISHING A CANDLE at the front of the Sanctuary each Sunday during Lent. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERMON: Jesus invites his followers to get a life, as some folks might say these days. Jesus understands that life is a gift. It is a gift that is beautiful, but also broken at times. To embody the life that Jesus lives, some things will need to be left behind.

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